

MEMORANDUM

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DATE: 19 July 1948

TO []
FROM []
SUBJECT: ALFERCHIK, Nicolai

REF: Our Conversation of 2 July

1. I have discussed with [] the problem of []'s utilization of the NTS group in Salzburg and [] concurs that [] should proceed as we had agreed, namely, ALFERCHIK will be simply handled as an informant by [] and will be given such payment and assistance in accordance with the intelligence information he is able to produce. We have a considerable file on ALFERCHIK here but very little actual biographical data, as well as little or no information concerning his former activities. ALFERCHIK has been in contact intermittently with various intelligence groups in the Salzburg area and was for a time in direct contact with Howard M. Price and with Devereaux Parle, formerly with the SCI unit in Salzburg. I am still going through the information here to see whether he had ever produced anything of significance to these persons, but I realize that at this time everyone was gathering extremely low level type of information concerning any personalities suspect of being Russian agents and ALFERCHIK was probably never given any intelligence briefing.

2. I provided [] with a rather detailed brief while in Salzburg so that he should well be able to keep ALFERCHIK in the picture concerning our intelligence needs. He should also be able to determine what information is worth passing on to you. We are anxiously awaiting the results of this contact and are hoping that [] will be able to make something of it.

3. In connection with the NTS group in Salzburg, will you please ask [] to furnish you with several copies of the leaflet type news page published by the NTS people there in conjunction with Herbert Kraus of the Salzburg Forschungs Institut. [] can obtain these copies for you. [] has informed me that the NTS is publishing this extremely anti-Communist news leaflet with Kraus' assistance. I have requested CIB to furnish us with a report on this subject but would appreciate if you could also provide us with any further details through [] and/or

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7. We are particularly interested in this alleged publication because of its possible ultimate usefulness in connection with the Empire project.

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